IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows:

--[0001] This application relates to and wholly incorporates the subject matter of commonly owned ~~co-pending~~ issued U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 7,222,302 [[_____]] ~~(U.S. Attorney Docket No. YOR920030143US1 (16596))~~, filed June 5, 2003, the whole contents and disclosure of which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Please amend paragraph [0019] as follows:

[0019] Figure 2 illustrates the end-to-end Business Process Modeling system 100 and components. In a preferred embodiment, the first step 103 of the ABS concept is to populate a Business Level Modeling (BLM) repository, e.g., a memory storage device or database 110, using externally defined business content. The above-described business professional, e.g., executive, may implement a business strategy modeler tool or any like method of gathering or generating externally defined business content for storage in the repository 110. This content includes, but is not limited to, documentation of the business process that may already exist or may need to be created through interviews with people involved in the process. Next, at step 106, involves utilizing a business analyst (e.g. business operations manager) to create a formal model of the business operation, e.g., by using a tool called the Business View Editor (BVE). The BVE is a graphical tool that allows a business user or analyst to create a model of the business process as a diagram 200, of which each component and connection has a well-defined meaning. The graphical representation 200 of the process has a corresponding textual representation in a document conforming to a schema, such as an XML schema, for example. As will be explained in greater detail herein, such schema provide a formal process sub-model of the business operations including modeling process tasks, business artifact flows and artifact repositories. The business process model 200 may be stored in the same Business Level Model (BLM) repository 110, for later retrieval, re-use, customization, or modification, or in another like repository (not shown). As will be

2

explained in greater detail herein, the business process model is described in a formal language referred to as BOpS (Business Operational Specification) that specifies the operational view of a business. Another step 108 implementing a tool, called a Transformation Wizard 150 is used to transform a BLM 200 into an IT Level Model (ILM) 250. Such a transformation process is described in further detail in commonly owned, ~~co-pending~~ issued U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 7,222,302 [[_____]]~~(U.S. Attorney Docket No. YOR920030143US1 (16596))~~ incorporated by reference herein.